

**REMARKS**

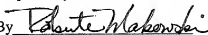
Claims 1, 5, 7-10, 12, 14, 17-24, and 27-31 are pending. The claims have been amended or cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice. Support for the amendments is found *inter alia* in the original claims. Amended claim 12 finds support in original claim 12 and in the specification at page 4 lines 11-30, page 18 line 17 and page 19 line 15, and in Examples 3, 4, 6, and 8. The amendments to claims 10, 23, and 30 find support in original claims 10, 23, and 30 and in the specification at page 4 lines 7-30. The amendments to claim 17 finds support in original claim 17 and in the specification at page 10 lines 27-32. Amended claim 24 finds support in original claim 24 and in the specification at page 2 lines 24-31 and page 8 lines 20-24. Claims 11, 25 and 26 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone call of January 3, 2007. Applicants believe the amendments to the claims place the application in condition for allowance as discussed.

Applicants reserve all rights to pursue the non-elected claims and subject matter in one or more divisional applications, if necessary.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this communication. However, if a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 13111-00002-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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